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MILITARY ADDRESSEES FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: PGOV, SHUM, PK, XF, XG
SUBJECT: BHUTTO DEATH SENTENCE

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1. A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SAUDIE ARABIA,
IRAN, WEST GERMANY, AND THE PDRY HAVE JOINED THE UAE,
TURKEY, LIBYA, CANADA, AND THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC IN MAKING
APPEALS TO THE GOP CONCERNING CLEMENCY FOR FORMER
PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER AND
SENTENCED TO DEATH ON 18 MARCH. FRANCE IS ALSO REPORTED
PLANNING TO DO SO. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY HAD

A SOMEWHAT ABRASIVE CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR (CMLA) GENERAL ZIA UL-HAQ AND SUBSEQUENTLY INSISTED ON SEEING PRESIDENT CHAUDHURY ALSO TO CONVEY CLEMENCY REQUEST. MFA IS ACCEPTING CLEMENCY REQUESTS -- ALBEIT POINTING OUT THAT MATTER REMAINS SUB JUDICE -- BUT IF AMBASSADORS INSIST ON SEEING CMLA, THEY ARE BEING ALLOWED TO DO SO.

2. VISITING US NEWSPERSONS FROM LATIMES AND NYTIMES HAVE ASKED US ABOUT USG ACTION (AS HAS VOA REPORTER BROWN), AND WE HAVE RESPONDED ALONG LINES USED BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN (REFTEL). (FOR BENEFIT OF INFORMATION ADDRESSEES, RELEVANT LANGUAGE, IF ASKED, AUTHORIZED BY DEPARTMENT IS QUOTE WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT THROUGH OUR AMBASSADOR IN PAKISTAN, AND WE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERNS THROUGH HIM. WE DO NOT WISH TO GET INTO DETAILS OF THIS PRIVATE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATION. UNQUOTE).
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